

SENATE BILL 1191

By Clabough

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-302 and Section 50-7-403, relative to a waiting week for claimants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-302(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following:

(5)(A)The claimant has been unemployed for a waiting period of one (1) week.

(For the purpose of this subsection, one (1) week of part total or partial unemployment or other forms of short time work shall be deemed one (1) week of unemployment). No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this subsection, unless:

(i) It occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the claimant claims payment of benefits;

(ii) No benefits have been paid in respect thereof;

(iii) The claimant was eligible for benefits with respect thereto as provided in § 50-7-303 and this section, except for the requirements of this subsection; and

(iv) Benefits shall be payable to a claimant for the waiting period, provided such claimant has made a claim for benefits and is determined to be eligible and certified for benefits in the waiting period and in each of the three (3) consecutive weeks immediately following such waiting period.

(B) When the administrator, pursuant to 50-7-403(j)(1), finds that the appropriate premium table is any table other than Table 10 or the lowest premium table, the following shall apply to the determination of benefits for all applicants:

The claimant has been unemployed for a waiting period of one (1) week.

For the purpose of this subsection, one (1) week of part total or partial unemployment or other forms of short time work shall be deemed one (1) week of unemployment. No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this subsection, unless:

(i) It occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the claimant claims payment of benefits.

(ii) No benefits have been paid in respect thereof; and

(iii) The claimant was eligible for benefits with respect thereto as provided in §50-7-303 and this section, except for the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.